IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS MARSHALL DIVISION

HEADWATER RESEARCH LLC,

Plaintiff and Counterclaim-Defendant,

v.

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless et al,

Defendants and Counterclaimant-Plaintiffs.

HEADWATER RESEARCH LLC,

Plaintiff and Counterclaim-Defendant,

v.

T-MOBILE USA, INC et al,

Defendants and Counterclaimant-Plaintiffs.

HEADWATER RESEARCH LLC,

Plaintiff and Counterclaim-Defendant,

v.

AT&T SERVICES, INC. et al

Defendants and Counterclaimant-Plaintiffs.

Case No. 2:25-cv-00391-JRG-RSP

(Lead Case)

Case No. 2:25-cv-00359-JRG-RSP

(Member Case)

Case No. 2:25-cv-00428-JRG-RSP

(Member Case)

HEADWATER'S ANSWER TO AT&T'S COUNTERCLAIMS

Plaintiff and Counterclaim-Defendant Headwater Research LLC ("Headwater") hereby answers Defendants and Counterclaimant-Plaintiffs' AT&T Services, Inc., AT&T Mobility, LLC, and AT&T Enterprises, LLC, (collectively "AT&T" or "Defendants" or "Counterclaimants"),

counterclaims as follows:

THE PARTIES

- 1. Headwater does not have knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 and on that basis: denied.
- 2. Headwater does not have knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 and on that basis: denied.
- 3. Headwater does not have knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 and on that basis: denied.
 - 4. Admitted.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 5. Admitted.
- 6. Admitted.
- 7. Admitted.
- 8. Headwater admits that it has sued AT&T for infringement of the Asserted Patents and that there is a substantial, actual, and continuing controversy between Headwater and AT&T as to the infringement of the asserted patents. Headwater denies the remaining allegations of paragraph 8.

First Counterclaim (Declaratory Judgment of Invalidity or Ineligibility of the '425 Patent)

- 9. Headwater incorporates the preceding paragraphs by reference, as though fully set forth herein.
 - 10. Denied.
 - 11. Denied.

Second Counterclaim

(Declaratory Judgment of Invalidity or Ineligibility of the '102 Patent)

- 12. Headwater incorporates the preceding paragraphs by reference, as though fully set forth herein.
 - 13. Denied.
 - 14. Denied.

Third Counterclaim (Declaratory Judgment of Invalidity or Ineligibility of the '451 Patent)

- 15. Headwater incorporates the preceding paragraphs by reference, as though fully set forth herein.
 - 16. Denied.
 - 17. Denied.

JURY DEMAND

18. Headwater, under Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, requests a trial by jury of any issues so triable by right.

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19. Denied.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

In response to AT&T's prayer for relief, Headwater denies that AT&T is entitled to any relief, including any of the relief requested in paragraphs A–D of AT&T's prayer for relief. Further, Headwater requests the following relief:

WHEREFORE, Headwater respectfully requests that this Court enter:

- a. A judgment in favor of Headwater that AT&T has infringed, either directly or indirectly, literally, under the doctrine of equivalents, or otherwise, the Asserted Patents;
 - b. A permanent injunction prohibiting AT&T from further acts of infringement of the

Asserted Patents;

- c. A judgment and order requiring AT&T to pay Headwater its damages, enhanced damages, costs, expenses, and pre-judgment and post-judgment interest for AT&T's infringement of the Asserted Patents;
- d. A judgment and order requiring AT&T to provide accountings and to pay supplemental damages to Headwater, including without limitation, pre-judgment and post-judgment interest;
- e. A judgment and order finding that this is an exceptional case within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285 and awarding to Headwater its reasonable attorneys' fees against AT&T; and
- f. Any and all other relief as the Court may deem appropriate and just under the circumstances.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that all counsel of record who are deemed to have consented to electronic service are being served on July 25, 2025 with a copy of this document via the Court's CM/ECF system per Local Rule CV-5(a)(3).

/s/ Marc Fenster
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